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Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative

Strengthening Marriages to Strengthen Children

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Greetings from the Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative. This newsletter is being sent to you as a result of your name being listed on the initiative's Listserve. Our hope is to share helpful and timely information with you on a regular basis, highlighting some of the most pertinent information relative to the work of Hispanic-serving organizations engaged in marriage strengthening work.

A Pacesetter for Marriage Strengthening in Hispanic Communities

The FuturoNow project is a marriage-strengthening capacity building project focused on the Southern California region. Through a partnership with the Southern California Alliance for Latino Marriages, the Center for New Communities, Urban Strategies, Templo Calvario, and the East Los Angeles Community Union (TELACU), FuturoNow has provided training, coaching, consulting, and assistance to Latino- focused organizations committed to strengthening marriages. Funded in part through a Compassion Capital Grant, 14 organizations have been coached in the design, development and implementation of sustainable and transformational marriage and relationship skill-building classes. More than 100 Latino-serving leaders have become certified to provide training in several curricula including Relationship Enhancement, Within My Reach, FOCCUS, Family Wellness, and PAIRS. Within the next few months, more than 900 community residents will have completed their participation in culturally relevant marriage and relationship skill building trainings with community-based organizations committed and prepared to reach thousands of individuals and couples in the years to come. For more information on FuturoNow, visit www.futuronow.org or call 323- 832-5469.

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Many leaders have expressed concern regarding the media's negative messages regarding marriages. As evidenced by the front cover of the August issue of **Selecciones** (the Readers Digest Spanish magazine), we're pleased to report that there has been a positive turn-of-events in this regard. Our hope is that this article will be followed by many others to spark the interest of couples to consider the impact of their relationship on their children. A few of these articles and resources are described below.

Parejas Intactas is the cover title of the August issue of Readers' Digest **Selecciones**. The article highlights some of the work of University of Texas' Norval Glen, a presenter at the HHMI National Conference this summer. Addressing the myths of "good" divorces and the impact of marriage on a child's identity and self-worth, this article provides a good introduction to the Hispanic public regarding the importance of marriage in a child's well-being. At the time of this writing the Selecciones website unfortunately does not contain an electronic copy of this article so you'll have to pick it up at your newstand.

Found in the **Dallas Morning News**, writer Analisa Nazareno highlights the HHMI National Conference as well as the reason and need for marriage strengthening efforts within the Hispanic community. [See article here](#) for more information.

The July issue of **Family Relations Journal** is entirely dedicated to Latino Families. Specific articles address youth, family dynamics and culture, migration and immigration, and practice and programmatic issues. See the [Family Journal Link here](#).

Directory of Hispanic Marriage Strengthening Efforts *National Alliance for Latino Marriages*



The National Alliance for Latino Marriages has a web-based directory of organizations focused on marriage strengthening. Make sure your organization is counted among those engaged in this important work.

[National ALMA Website](#)

Benefits of a Healthy Marriage

